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In 2014, a capability assessment was completed for cattle grazing on the Cameron Canyon, Dunderberg, Green Creek, Summers Meadow, Tamarack and Virginia Creek allotments. This assessment was conducted as a precursor to initiating an environmental analysis for potentially authorizing cattle grazing on the allotments. The preliminary assessment in 2014 served two purposes:

1. Provide information to determine feasibility of domestic cattle grazing on the allotments.
2. Provide information to establish an initial stocking rate should cattle grazing be deemed feasible.

Since 2014, the Bridgeport Ranger District has begun preparing the Bridgeport Southwest Rangeland Project Environmental Analysis to analyze the effects of authorizing cattle grazing in the project area. This letter serves to update the capability assessment to reflect the allotment boundaries as described in the proposed action for the Environmental Assessment.

All of four of the allotments have acreage capable of supporting domestic cattle grazing. Table 1 shows the current allotment information and capable acres.

Table 1. Allotment Information

Grazing Allotment	Total Allotment Acres	Forest Service Allotment Acres	Capable Acres - Cattle - NFS Lands Only	Percent Capable - NFS Lands Only
Cameron Canyon	4,216	4,196	2,154	51%
Dunderberg	5,293	4,793	2,146	45%
Jordan Basin	1,414	1,414	457	32%
Summers Meadow/Tamarack	5,534	5,464	2,075	38%
Total	16,457	18,867	6,832	36%

The attached map displays the capable acres within the proposed allotment boundaries.

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Map 2. Acres Capable of Supporting Domestic Cattle Grazing within the Proposed Allotment Boundaries

